October 11, 1975

Clarence M. Kelley, Director
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U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

As of this date I have not received an answer to my letter to you dated August 25, 1975. That letter contained a request under the Freedom of Information Act and, as you must know, the time for response stipulated in that statute has long since elapsed. Under the law, I could bring this matter before a federal district court if I wished at this point. However, I do not want to be forced to resort to the courts to resolve this matter. I hope the FBI will make a good faith effort to comply with my request.

To remind you, I am requesting the original handwritten statement of Mrs. Carolyn Arnold, a typed copy of which appears in volume 22 of the Warren Commission's hearings and exhibits, at page 634.

In a recent speech, Attorney General Levi stated, "People must believe in the fairness and honesty of the law--in the process by which it is enacted and in the process by which it is enforced." Mr. Levi also said that if the people's faith in the law has been eroded, "we must take steps to restore it." I hope you will heed these words, for I believe it is unfortunately true that faith in the laws is terribly eroded, largely because of the pervasive corruption of government. Thus, I feel there is a special obligation for the FBI to fully comply with the FOIA, including its provisions for time in which agencies are to respond to requests.

I hope the FBI will attend to my request at the soonest possible time.

Sincerely,

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